

mountain
5/25/61
JFK

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAY 24 1961

TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson
Mr. Parsons
Mr. Mohr
Mr. Belmont
Mr. Callahan
Mr. Conrad
Mr. DeLoach
Mr. Evans
Mr. Malone
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tavel
Mr. Trotter
Mr. W.C. Sullivan
Tele. Room
Mr. Ingram
Miss Gandy

b6
b7C

URGENT 5-24-61 2-32 PM CST EEA

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, DALLAS 1-P

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR US SENATE,
SPECIAL TEXAS ELECTION, MAY TWENTYSEVEN. [REDACTED]

COMPLAINANT, ELECTION LAWS. ON MAY TWENTYFOUR, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS, REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, AND
CHAIRMAN JOHN TOWER CAMPAIGN, DALLAS COUNTY, MADE AVAILABLE UNLABELED
CIRCULAR ATTACKING THE CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR US SENATE IN THE
TEXAS SPECIAL ELECTION ON MAY TWENTYSEVEN. THIS CIRCULAR MAILED TO
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] POTOMAC DALLAS, TEXAS,
POSTMARKED DALLAS, MAY NINETEEN, SEVEN PM, IN PLAIN UNMARKED ENVELOPE.

b6
b7C

[REDACTED] KNEW OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER SUCH CIRCULAR. [REDACTED] ADVISED
HE IS PRESENTING THIS MATTER TO THE DALLAS PRESS THIS DATE.
LETTERHEAD FOLLOWS.

END

4-37 PM OK FBI WA RAC

56-2067-1

RECEIVED 10 10 61

MAY 31 1961

EX 104

56-2067-1

62 JUN 6 1961
CC-MR. ROSEN

6/10/61

REC-64
AIRTEL

56-3067-2

To: SAC DALLAS (56-70)

From: DIRECTOR, FBI

Subject: Unlabeled Circular Attacking Candidacy
of John Tower for U. S. Senate,
Special Texas Election, 5-27-61,
[redacted] - Complainant;
Election Laws

b6
b7C

Reurairtel 5/29/61.

In accordance with attached memorandum from the
Department you should conduct the desired investigation.

Handle in accordance with instructions as set
forth in Section 56, Volume II, Manual of Instructions. It
certainly you advise all persons contacted this investigation
being made at the specific request of Mr. Burke Marshall,
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United
States Department of Justice.

Complete and surep within ten days of receipt
of this airtel and note therein this is a limited investi-
gation.

NOTE:

Captioned circular accuses John Tower (elected
5-27-61) of flunking out of law school, being a drinker,
gambler, and having reputation for liberal politics. Depart-
ment was furnished copy of circular by us on 5/25/61 and now
requests investigation to determine whether violation of
18 U. S. Code 612 (publication and distribution of anonymous
political literature), including interview of sub.

Enclosure

JAT/jm

(5)

1 - EL folder

56-3067-2

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: JUN 8 1961

FROM : Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights DivisionBM:IEB:mc 7933
File: 72-73-30SUBJECT: Unlabeled Circular Attacking Candidacy
of John Tower for U. S. Senate,
Special Texas Election, 5-27-61;
[redacted] - Complainant;
Election Laws.

This refers to your memorandum of May 25, 1961, enclosing a copy of a letter dated May 24, 1961, at Dallas, and to your memorandum of May 31, 1961, enclosing a copy of the circular attacking John Tower.

Please undertake an investigation under 18 U.S.C. 612 to determine the following:

1. Who prepared the circular and who ordered its preparation.
2. Who was responsible for sending the circular through the mails.
3. The extent of the distribution of the circular.
4. If possible, obtain a copy of an envelope in which the circular was mailed.

All subjects should be interviewed.

1961 JUN 6 AM 11
EXP. PROC.

REC-64

56-3067-2

FBI

REC'D CIVIL RIGHTS

56 JUN 8 1961

b6
b7C

6-10-61
Airtel
JAC



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

FBI, Dallas (86-70)

To:

Date: June 29, 1981

Unlabeled Circular Attaching
Candidate of JOHN TOWER for
U. S. Senate, Special Texas
Election 3/27/81

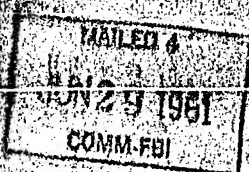
[Redacted]

Enclosure

Transmitted by: Dallas
Reference: Letter 3/22/81
Examination requested: Document
Remarks:

For your investigative information, the signature on Q1 appears to have been rapidly written. Some similarities were noted in the signature on Q4 and the writing on Q5.

The attached Laboratory report advises that Q1 through Q5 are retained at the Bureau. If Dallas desires the return of these specimens, the FBI Laboratory should be advised.



Enclosures (2) (2 Letters) - VN .21

CEB:lsb
(4)

FBI
REC'D - CIA RIGHTS

56-3067

b6
b7C

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Dallas

Date: June 29, 1961
FBI File No. 56-3067
Lab. No. D-270474 ATRe: Unlabeled Circular Attacking
Candidacy of JOHN TOWER for
U. S. Senate, Special Texas Election
5/27/61:

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINT

ELECTION LAW
Specimens received

6/26/61

Q1 Envelope postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 19 1961"

"10-PM" bearing typewritten address
[REDACTED] Dallas, TexasQ2 Accompanying one-page typewritten circular attacking
John Tower

Q3 Envelope postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 23 1961"

"5-PM" bearing typewritten address
[REDACTED] Dallas 5, Texasb6
b7CQ4 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter dated May 23, 1961,
signed [REDACTED]

Q5 Postal card postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 24 1961"

"10-PM" bearing handwritten address
[REDACTED] Dallas, 5. Texas" and message on
reverse side signed [REDACTED]

Result of examination:

The questioned handwriting and the typewriting on the specimens described above were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Representative copies are being added to the file for future reference.

The typewriting on the original from which the copy, Q2, was prepared corresponds to the standard for Underwood Pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. The typewriting on Q1 is too limited to permit definite determination of the name of the manufacturer. However, this typewriting resembles Underwood Pica style of type, spaced ten letters to the inch.

The typewriting on Q3 and Q4 is different from the typewriting on Q1 and Q2. The typewriting on Q3 and Q4 corresponds to the standard for L. C. Smith Pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch.

Q2 has fragments of the watermark "HAMMERMILL MINED-BORN, MADE IN U. S. A." This watermark is used by the Hammerrill Paper Company, Erie, Pennsylvania. Q4 has the watermark "Highland Linen" which is used by Eaton, Crane and Pike Division of Hilooy Envelopes and Stationery, Ltd., 250 Davis Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada. No watermarks were found in Q1 and Q3. Q1 is a white envelope measuring approximately 11 x 5.5 inches. Q2 is a sheet of white paper measuring approximately 11 x 8.5 inches. Q3 is a white envelope measuring approximately 6.8 x 3.2 inches. Q4 is a sheet of white paper measuring approximately 10 x 6.7 inches.

Due to variations, it was not possible to determine whether the signature on Q4 and the questioned writing on Q2 were written by one person.

Q1 through Q5 are retained in the Bureau's files.

Recorded
6/27/61
ek

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

NO LAB FILE

Re: Unlabeled Circular Attacking
Candidacy of JOHN TOWER for
U. S. Senate, Special Texas Election
5/27/61:

File # 56-3067-2
Lab. # D-370474 AT

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT
ELECTION LAWS

Examination requested by: FBI, Dallas (56-70) Letter 6/22/61

Examination requested: Document

Date received: 6/26/61

Result of Examination:

NO ID. NLT

Examination by: [REDACTED]

Handwritten notes:
T.W. Q 3, Q4 Different from Q 3, Q4 - L.C. Smith Paper
Co. "Hammermill" Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, Penn.
Hammermill Paper Co., Erie, Penn.
Highland Paper Co. Q4. No U.S. #1803
Specimens submitted for examination.

- Q1 Envelope postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 19 1961 7-PM" bearing typewritten address [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas"
- Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten ~~message~~ circular attacking John Tower
- Q3 Envelope postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 29 1961 5-PM" bearing typewritten address [REDACTED] Dallas 5, Texas"
- Q4 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter dated May 29, 1961 signed [REDACTED]
- Q5 Postal card postmarked "DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 24 1961 10-PM" bearing handwritten address [REDACTED] Dallas, 5. Texas" and message on reverse side signed [REDACTED]

Handwritten notes:
Eaton, Crane & Lake Div. of
Hilroy Envelopes & Stationery Co.
250 South Main, Toronto, Ont.
56 30
[REDACTED] 3
[REDACTED] 744 (9)

Q4



b6
b7C

Q5



Envelope, facsimile

Q1 - (Willowood Pica 744 - facsimile)
9.46" x 4.12" - no H₂O mark

Q2 - H₂O mark: HAMMERHEAD
white paper - 10.94" x 8.52" - HAMMO-BLOOD
(10.01" x 5.54")

(Micrographed)
Willowood Pica
744

Q2 - L C Smith Pica 903 - Envelope
6.84" x 3.91"

Q4 - Wm Highland Linen

white paper 10.01" x 6.68"

66-3067

8 - 0003 0641

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO:

DIRECTOR, FBI (56-3067)
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 6/22/61

FROM:

SAC, DALLAS (56-70)

SUBJECT:

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING
CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR
U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS
ELECTION, 5/27/61.

370474

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

ELECTION LAWS

OO - DALLAS

Re report of SA [REDACTED]

at Dallas.

Enclosed to the Bureau are the following:

- An envelope addressed to [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, postmarked Dallas 5/19/61;
- A mimeographed circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER;
- An envelope addressed to [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, postmarked Dallas 5/29/61;
- A letter signed [REDACTED] addressed to [REDACTED];
- A post card addressed to [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, postmarked Dallas 5/24/61.

The Laboratory is requested to compare typewriter specimens on envelope postmarked Dallas 5/19/61 and envelope postmarked Dallas 5/29/61, also analyze stationery on which set forth. Also make analysis of handwriting on post card postmarked Dallas 5/24/61 and determine if identical with signature on letter dated 5/29/61.

- 3 - Bureau (Encl. 5)
- 1 - Dallas (56-70)

JPH:HM
(4)

EX-105

PET-44

25 JUN 26 1961

56-3067



56-3067 - 8

[Redacted]
[Redacted]

Dallas, Texas

POB

[Redacted]

b6
b7C



Dallas 5, Texas

56-3067



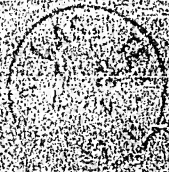
b6
b7C

56-3067-3

I trust that you will find
this letter and frankly co-
operation with those I'd suggested you
be opposed to my lovely friend
and my dearest lover

b6
b7C

Then, too, to
ask you to co-operate with
the Texas Observer and
in ardent support of the opponent of
add to my Administration
come to our midst.



Support
Mental Health
SOCIETY



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



b6
b7C

Dallas, Tex
56-3067-3

3
Who is this Young Punk - John Tower?

He flunked out of law school at SMU - where he had a well known reputation for drinking and gambling and liberal politics. Ask his classmates. They are ardent [redacted] supporters because they know John T. for what he is.

He studied at the ultra liberal London School of Economics, not to learn about socialism so he could better serve the conservative cause, but to further liberalism. This is evidenced by the fact that he supported Harry Truman in 1948 (quote from Tower interview in The Texas Observer Feb. 11, 1961). Most real conservatives were voting for J. Strom Thurmond.

When he married the daughter of a wealthy Wichita Falls Republican, he immediately became a brass collar Republican, dropping Harry by the wayside.

Take a look at sets of notes taken by Professor Tower's students. His favorite recommended reading - "Death of a Salesman."

Tower has been endorsed by [redacted] of Houston and The Texas Observer, the liberal voice of Texas. Quote from April 29, 1961: "But a vote for [redacted] would be a vote for the worst enemies of liberalism in Texas - the fanatical right wingers who have wrapped themselves in the stolen banners of Democrats."

They go on to say that Tower's election would help [redacted] position in Washington - this because Senator [redacted] would CONTROL EVERY FEDERAL APPOINTMENT IN TEXAS FOR THE NEXT 52 years. Mr. Tower would not have a voice in such matters.

Further they say "Electing [redacted] is like sending the bottom side of a sandwich to Washington - [redacted] the barbecue to go be tween. [redacted] could cancel out [redacted] s authority on patronage - [redacted] would tear up [redacted] at every turn."

Since Professor Tower has had to call in outside help, we are looking forward, with great pleasure, to the arrival of [redacted] and Mr. Rockefeller to campaign on Tower's behalf. No doubt they could set the record straight on John T's liberalism.

Mr. Tower was on the Platform Committee last year at the Republican Convention and he and Rocky smoothed things out behind closed doors and came out "arm in arm" with a piece of paper so full of liberalism that it stunk. Even [redacted] "went along to get along" for the sake of furthering the Republican "cause" not conservatism.

We are facing critical situations in every nook and cranny of the world today. DON'T SEND A BOY TO DO A MAN'S JOB.

P
POB
2/2/61

56-3067 - 3

Dear [redacted]

May 29, 1961

Please again accept my admiration and thanks for your efforts in helping defeat that McCarthyite [redacted] as it proved few decent liberals and few of our Negro brothers could find the stomach to vote for him after the way he abused [redacted]

Forgive me for having misjudged you. I never thought you'd be on the side of the Texas Observer, and the Washington Post. I hope Senator Yarborough holds a victory dinner to express his gratitude for first having elected him then now in strengthening his power.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rayburn must be very pleased, as I am, that at last the Dixiecrat element has been put in its proper place.

Yours most sincerely,

[redacted]

b6
b7c

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DALLAS	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 6/22/61	Investigative Period 6/13 - 21/61
TITLE OF CASE UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS ELECTION, 5/27/61. [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT		Report made by SA [REDACTED]	Type of Case ELECTION LAWS

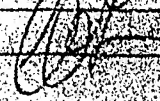
REFERENCE: Dallas teletype to Bureau 5/24/61.
Bureau Air-Tel to Dallas 6/10/61.

- P -

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Three unsuccessful attempts were made to contact [REDACTED] of Dallas, who reportedly received a circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER. Neighborhood inquiry reflected that [REDACTED] was out of town.

Separate letter is being directed to Bureau Laboratory to analyze handwriting specimens and typewriting specimens available.

Approved 	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
2 - Bureau (56-3067) (1) 1 - USA, Ft. Worth (56-70) (1) 1 - [REDACTED] (56-70) (1)		56-3067	REC-23
JUN 29 1961		25 JUN 29 1961	56-3067

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-95

JUL 5 1961

b6
b7C

DL 56-70

LEADS

DALLAS

AT DALLAS, TEXAS

Will contact [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
Dallas, Texas, to determine information regarding ASR
receiving a circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER
for U. S. Senate.

b6
b7C

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

Copy to: 1 - USA, Fort Worth, Texas

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: DALLAS

Date: 6/22/61

Field Office File No.: Dallas 56-70

Bureau File No.: 56-3067

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING
CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR
U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS
ELECTION, 5/27/61.

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Source: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Dallas County Republican Executive Committee, made available a copy of an unsigned circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER for the U. S. Senate in the Special Texas Election held on 5/27/61. [REDACTED] advised that he knew of only two individuals who had received this circular. [REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, advised that she had received a circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER and knew of only one other individual receiving same.

- P -

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF A LIMITED INVESTIGATION.

DETAILS:

At Dallas, Texas

On May 24, 1961, [REDACTED] Dallas County Republican Executive Committee, and Chairman, JOHN TOWER Campaign, Dallas County, Texas, made available a copy of an unsigned circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER for the U. S. Senate in the Special Texas Election to be held on May 27, 1961. This unlabeled circular reads as follows:

"Who is this Young Punk - John Tower?

"He flunked out of law school at SMU - where he had a well known reputation for drinking and gambling and liberal politics. Ask his classmates. They are ardent supporters because they knew John T. for what he is.

56-3067 - 4

b6
b7C

b6
b7C

"He studied at the ultra liberal London School of Economics, not to learn about socialism so he could better serve the conservative cause, but to further liberalism. This is evidenced by the fact that he supported Harry Truman in 1948 (quote from Tower interview in The Texas Observer Feb. 11, 1961). Most real conservatives were voting for J. Strom Thurmond.

"When he married the daughter of a wealthy Wichita Falls Republican, he immediately became a brass collar Republican, dropping Harry by the wayside.

"Take a look at sets of notes taken by Professor Tower's students. His favorite recommended reading - 'Death of a Salesman.'

"Tower has been endorsed by [redacted] of Houston and The Texas Observer, the liberal voice of Texas. Quote from April 29 issue 'Put a vote for [redacted] would be a vote for the worst enemies of liberalism in Texas - the fanatical right wingers who have wrapped themselves in the stolen banners of Democrats.'

"They go on to say that Tower's election would help [redacted] position in Washington - this because [redacted] WOULD CONTROL EVERY FEDERAL APPOINTMENT IN TEXAS FOR THE NEXT 51 years. Mr. Tower would have a voice in such matters.

b6
b7C

"Further they say 'Electing [redacted] is like sending the the bottom side of a sandwich to Washington -- [redacted] the barbecue to go between. [redacted] could cancel out [redacted] authority on patronage -- [redacted] would tear up [redacted] at every turn.'

"Since Professor Tower has had to call in outside help, we are looking forward, with great pleasure, to the arrival of [redacted] and Mr. Rockefeller to campaign on Tower's behalf. No doubt they could set the record straight on John T's liberalism.

"Mr. Tower was on the Platform Committee last year at the Republican Convention and he and Rocky smoothed things out behind closed doors and came out 'arm in arm' with a piece of paper so full of liberalism that it stunk. Even [redacted] 'went along to get along' for the sake of furthering the Republican 'cause' not conservatism.

DL 56-76

"We are facing critical situations in every nook and
cranny of the world today. DON'T SEND A BOY TO DO
A MAN'S JOB."

[redacted] stated this circular was mailed to [redacted]
[redacted] Dallas, Texas, in an unmarked
envelope, unmarked Dallas, Texas, May 19, 1961, 7:00 P.M.
[redacted] indicated he knew of the existence of at least
one other such circular.

b6

b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
INTERVIEW REPORT

Date 6/21/61

[redacted] Dallas County
Republican Executive Committee, and [redacted] of the
JOHN TOWER Campaign, Dallas County, Texas, advised that he
knew of only two individuals, [redacted] of
[redacted], Dallas, Texas, and [redacted] of
[redacted], Dallas, Texas, who received copies of the
circular regarding the candidacy of JOHN TOWER for the U. S.
Senate. [redacted] stated he believed that this circular
was sent on a very selective basis to individuals who were
known to be backing JOHN TOWER for the U. S. Senate. [redacted]
[redacted] expressed the opinion this was the work of a "crank"
and not the work of any reliable Democratic official.

b6
b7C

Interview with [redacted] File # 56-70
on 6/19/61 at Dallas, Texas Date dictated 6/21/61
by Special Agent [redacted]

b6
b7C

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 6/21/61

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Dallas, on June 20, 1961, advised she received a letter postmarked Dallas, May 19, 1961, which contained an unlabeled, unsigned circular attacking the candidacy of JOHN TOWER for the U. S. Senate in the Special Texas Election on May 27, 1961. [redacted] stated that she promptly turned this circular over to [redacted] of the Dallas County Republican Executive Committee. [redacted] stated she knew of only one other individual who had received a similar circular. [redacted] stated she had no idea as to who could have sent this circular to her; however, she and the other individual who received this circular were both formerly active Democratic Party workers, working for the conservative section of the Democratic Party.

[redacted] stated she had been an active campaign worker for [redacted] in 1957, however, in 1961, she transferred to the Republican Party and was an active campaign worker for Senator JOHN TOWER. [redacted] stated that she is of the opinion that some person who she had worked with in the Democratic Party became angry with her for her switching to the Republican Party and had sent this circular to her in an attempt to win her back to the conservative section of the Democratic Party.

[redacted] made available a handwritten post card, postmarked May 24, 1961, signed by a [redacted] card allegedly praised [redacted] for helping [redacted] and she stated it was obviously an attempt to ridicule her support for Senator TOWER. This card read as follows:

"Dear [redacted]

"I can't tell you how much I admire your intelligence and friendship; co-operation with those I'd supposed you to be opposed to - my lovely friend, [redacted] and my fellow lover of art [redacted]. Then, too, to find you so co-operative with [redacted] Texas Observer and [redacted] in a [redacted] support of the opponent of [redacted] adds to my admiration. Welcome to our midst.

/s/ [redacted]

On 6/20/61 at Dallas, Texas

File # 56-70

by SA [redacted] /hm

Date dictated 6/21/61

DL 56-70

[redacted] also made available a letter postmarked Dallas, May 29, 1961, containing a type-written letter dated May 29, 1961, signed [redacted] which read as follows:

"May 29, 1961

"Dear [redacted]

b6
b7C

"Please again accept my admiration and thanks for your efforts in helping defeat that McCarthyite [redacted]. As it proved few decent liberals and few of our Negro brothers could find the stomach to vote for him after the way he abused [redacted].

"Forgive me for having misjudged you. I never thought you'd be on the side of the Texas Observer and the Washington Post. I hope [redacted] holds a victory dinner to express his gratitude for first having elected him then now in strengthening his power.

"Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rayburn must be very pleased, as I am, that at last the Dixiecrat element has been put in its proper place.

"Yours most sincerely,

/s/ [redacted]

b6
b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] is a fictitious name and she feels certain that the letter was written by someone who she had formerly worked with in the Democratic Party. [redacted] expressed the opinion that the person writing this letter and post card could be identical with the person sending the unlabeled circular attached to the candidacy of JOHN TOWER.

7/12/61

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas (56-70)
From: Director, FBI (56-3067)

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING
CANDIDACY OF JAMES EARL RAY FOR
U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS
ELECTION, 6/27/61

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT
ELECTION LAW

b6
b7C

Re Dallas report 6/22/61.

Immediately surep setting forth results of Laboratory
report forwarded to you 6/29/61 and results your contact with
[REDACTED] in report submitted, advise date,
caption and name of reporting Agent.

b6
b7C

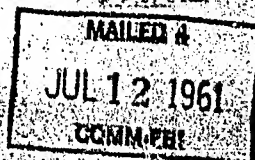
NOTE:

At Dept's request we are conducting investigation
to determine who responsible for publication and distribution
of anonymous political literature accusing John Tower (elected
5/27/61) of flunking out of law school, being a drinker,
gambler and having "rotational" liberal politics. Above in-
-should be furnished to [REDACTED]

JAC:dsj
(4)

JAC

EX-113



REC-20

21 JUL 13 1961

56-3067 - 5

Mr. Rosen

7/14/61

INSPECTION AND COPYING OF VOTER
REGISTRATION RECORDS
JACKSON PARISH, LOUISIANA
CIVIL RIGHTS; ELECTION LAWS

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY
OF JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE
SPECIAL TEXAS ELECTION, 8/27/61
[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT
ELECTION LAWS

b6
b7C

The following is submitted for record purposes:

On 7/12/61, Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] telephoned Supervisor [REDACTED] and politely inquired as to what he could expect a report in the John Tower case above. [REDACTED] advised a report was forwarded to him by memorandum 7/12/61, said he would cause a search to be made at the Department and would notify [REDACTED] of the results. He subsequently advised he found the report in question and apparently the Department's mail room was having problems.

b6
b7C

On 7/13/61, Departmental Attorney [REDACTED] telephoned Supervisor [REDACTED] to advise he would be in Monroe, Louisiana, on 7/16 or 7/17/61 in connection with the Government's suit against [REDACTED] Registrar of Voters, East Carroll Parish. He said he believed the Jackson Parish investigation would be completed by then and requested the Department's copy of the report be furnished to him at Monroe. [REDACTED] advised this report had been forwarded to the Civil Rights Division on 7/7/61 and [REDACTED] should have it. [REDACTED] expressed amazement that he didn't have it and volunteered he had a special stop in his mail room on this report. He said he would have this report located and would only call [REDACTED] if it could not be found. [REDACTED] received no additional information regarding this matter.

b6
b7C

It should be noted that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were polite, were not demanding and apparently initiated inquiries on their own.

JAC:daj
(5)

REC-46
EX-105

NOT RECORDED

149 JUN 19 1961

56-3067-6

63 JUL 26 1961

FILE 11

7/19/61

AIRTEL

To: SAC, Dallas (56-70)

From: Director, FBI (56-3067)

UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING
CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR
U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TREAD
ELECTION, 6/22/61

[REDACTED] COMPLAINT
ELECTION LEAD

b6
b7C

ReDLrep 7/14/61.

Investigation known to the Bureau in this case includes interview with the complainant and two individuals receiving a copy of captioned circular in addition to laboratory examination of pertinent documents. Dallas is requested to concentrate its efforts on this matter so that it may be resolved in the near future. From investigation to date, it appears there has been no wide dissemination of the circular in question and your investigation should resolve this. In this connection, it appears advisable to contact Republican county and state officials for any information they have regarding dissemination of instant circular. If possible, [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] should be identified and interviewed.

b6
b7C

MAILED 32

JUL 19 1961

COMM-FBI

Surep by 7/31/61 showing your efforts to resolve this matter. If report not completed, cover pages should contain a short resume of contemplated investigation.

NOTE:

On 5/24/61 Senator Tower's campaign manager made available instant circular attacking Mr. Tower. Department was furnished copy of circular by us and by memo 6/8/61 requested investigation to determine who prepared and sent circular through the mails; also, extent of distribution was to be determined, and any subjects to be interviewed. By report 6/22/61, Dallas furnished results of contact with Senator Tower's campaign manager and one individual who received circular. By report 7/14/61, DL reported results of FBI Lab on [REDACTED] and results of contact with second person [REDACTED]

Tolson _____
Belmont _____
Mohr _____
Callahan _____
Conrad _____
DeLoach _____
Evans _____
Malone _____
Rosen _____
Sullivan _____
Tavel _____
Trotter _____
Tele. Room _____
Holmes _____
Gandy _____

Note continued:

of circular. Cover page to 7/14/61 report indicated Agent to whom case was assigned was on annual leave and would return 7/20/61.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DALLAS	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 7/14/61	Investigative Period 7/14/61
TITLE OF CASE UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS ELECTION, 5/27/61. [REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT		Report made by SA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE	Typed By EW
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	

REFERENCES

Report of SA [REDACTED], 6/22/61, Dallas.
Bureau letter to Dallas, 6/29/61.
Bureau airtel to Dallas, 7/13/61.

LEADS

DALLAS DIVISION, AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

Additional investigation in this matter has been conducted by SA [REDACTED] to whom this case is assigned. However, he is currently on annual leave and scheduled to return to duty on 7/20/61. A supplemental report setting forth results of investigation conducted by SA [REDACTED] will be submitted to the Bureau immediately upon his return, 7/20/61.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

Approved COL	Special Agent in Charge	Do not write in spaces below	
Bureau (56-3067)(AMSD)		56-3067-7	REG-21
USA, Fort Worth, Texas		JUL 21 1961	
Dallas, Texas		WICKLE	

7-18-61
JAC: [REDACTED]
AG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-94 (2) 7-18-61

DL 56-70

The FBI Laboratory's cover letter transmitting results of laboratory findings on 6/29/61 noted that as a matter of investigative information, the signature [redacted] appearing on the one page typewritten letter dated 5/29/61 appears to have been rapidly written. The Laboratory further noted some similarities had been noted in the above signature and the handwriting appearing on the postal card postmarked Dallas, Texas, 5/24/61, which was signed in the name [redacted]

b6
b7C

56-3087-17
Cover Page

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy for: 1 - USA, Fort Worth, Texas

Report of: RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE
Date: July 14, 1961

Office: DALLAS

Field Office File No.: 56-70

Bureau File No.: 56-3067

Title: UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF
JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS
ELECTION, 5/27/61;

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Synopsis:

Result of FBI Laboratory examination, 6/22/61
of documents submitted in this matter set forth. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dallas, Texas, advised
approximately one week prior to Special Texas Election for
U. S. Senator, held 5/27/61, was in receipt through mail
anonymous circular type letter attacking the candidacy
of JOHN G. TOWER, Republican candidate. States the letter
unsigned and no return address on envelope. Her recalls
envelope contained postmark indicating same mailed from
Richardson, Texas. Letter and envelope turned over by her
to Chairman, Dallas County Republican Executive Committee.
Unable to identify source or origin of publication this letter.

-P-

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RESULTS OF A LIMITED
INVESTIGATION.

DETAILS:

AT DALLAS, TEXAS:

On June 22, 1961, material previously made available
to the Dallas Office by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] both Dallas, Texas, consisting of literature
critical of the candidacy of JOHN G. TOWER for the U. S.
Senate was forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for appropriate
examination.

On June 29, 1961, the FBI Laboratory reported the following findings with respect to this material:

"Specimens received

"6/26/61

"Q1 Envelope postmarked 'DALLAS, TEX. 6 MAY 19 1961' bearing typewritten address [redacted] Texas'

"Q2 Accompanying one-page typewritten circular attacking John Tower

b6
b7C

"Q3 Envelope postmarked 'DALLAS, TEX. 6 May 29 1961' bearing typewritten address [redacted] Dallas 5, Texas'

"Q4 Accompanying one-page typewritten letter dated May 29, 1961 signed [redacted]

"Q5 Postal card postmarked 'DALLAS, TEX. 6 May 24 1961' bearing handwritten address [redacted] Dallas 5, Texas' and message on reverse side signed [redacted]

"Results of examination:

"The questioned handwriting and the typewriting on the specimens described above were compared with the appropriate sections of the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification.

"The typewriting on the original from which the copy, Q2, was prepared corresponds to the standard for Underwood Pica style of type spaced ten letters to the inch. The typewriting on Q1 is too limited to permit definite determination of the name of the manufacturer. However, this typewriting resembles Underwood Pica style of type, spaced ten letters to the inch.

"The typewriting on Q3 and Q4 is different from the typewriting on Q1 and Q2. The typewriting on Q3 and Q4 corresponds to the standard for L C Smith Pica style of type, spaced ten letters to the inch.

"Q2 has fragments of the watermark 'HAMMERMILL MIMCO-BOND, MADE IN U. S. A.' This watermark is used by the Hammermill Paper Company, Erie, Pennsylvania. Q4 has the watermark

DL 56-70

'Highland Linen' which is used by Eaton, Crane and Pike Division of Hilroy Envelopes and Stationery, Ltd., 250 Dowie Avenue, Toronto 10, Ontario, Canada. No watermarks were found in Q1 and Q3.. Q1 is a white envelope measuring approximately 9.5 x 4.2 inches. Q2 is a sheet of white paper measuring approximately 11 x 8.5 inches. Q3 is a white envelope measuring approximately 6.9 x 3.9 inches. Q4 is a sheet of white paper measuring approximately 10 x 6.7 inches.

"Due to variations, it was not possible to determine whether the signature on Q4 and the questioned writing on Q3 were written by one person."

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date July 14, 1961

[redacted] advised she actively supported the candidacy of Senator-Elect JOHN G. TOWER during his campaign for election to the U. S. Senate in the recent Special Texas Election held on May 27, 1961. [redacted] related during this period she worked as [redacted] in Senator TOWER's Dallas County Campaign Headquarters, 4107 Lemmon Avenue, Dallas, Texas, under [redacted] Dallas County Republican Executive Committee, and she also served [redacted] of Senator TOWER's campaign in Dallas County.

b6
b7C

In early May, 1961, exact date not recalled, and in furtherance of her support of Senator TOWER, [redacted] stated she wrote a letter to the Editor of "The Dallas Morning News", a daily newspaper published in Dallas, Texas, wherein she urged Dallas County voters to support Senator TOWER. This article was published by the newspaper and appeared on the editorial page identifying her as the correspondent, her name appearing as [redacted] Dallas 12.

Shortly after this article appeared in the newspaper and approximately one week before the election held on May 27, 1961, she said she received through the mail at her residence an envelope addressed to her in exactly the same context as that appearing in the newspaper. This envelope did not contain a return address, but she did recall it bore a postmark indicating it had been mailed from Richardson, Texas, cancellation date not recalled. She stated the envelope contained an unsigned mimeographed typed circular letter, without letterhead, which in substance set forth what she characterized as a malicious, libelous and slanderous attack against the character and qualifications of JOHN G. TOWER. [redacted] said this letter was turned over by her to [redacted] at the campaign headquarters the following day. She stated she understood from [redacted] that additional copies of this letter similar in all respects had been received by other supporters of Senator TOWER, one of the recipients being [redacted]. [redacted] said she was currently without knowledge concerning the person or persons responsible for the circularization of this letter or the manner and means by which it was being published.

b6
b7C

On 7/14/61 at Dallas, Texas File # DL 56-70

by SA RAYMOND C. ECKENRODE56-3067/14/61Date dictated 7

2-31

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reporting Office DALLAS	Office of Origin DALLAS	Date 7/24/61	Investigative Period 7/20 - 24/61
TITLE OF CASE UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS ELECTION, 5/27/61; COMPLAINANT		Report made by SA	Typed By JCE
		CHARACTER OF CASE ELECTION LAWS	

REFERENCE

Report of SA RAYMOND C. ZORNRODE, Dallas, 7/14/61.

- C -

ADMINISTRATIVE

In view of the fact that all logical leads in this case have been covered it is not believed that further investigation is warranted at this time. It should be noted that all Republican officials interviewed in Dallas are of the opinion that this is the work of a "crank."

- ② - Bureau (56-3067)
1 - USA, Fort Worth
1 - Dallas (56-70)

56-3067-9

REG 16

1cc: AAG Civil Rights Division
Form 6-95

- A* -
Cover

b6
b7C

AUG 2 1961

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to: 1 - USA, Fort Worth, Texas

Report of: [REDACTED]

Office: DALLAS

Date: 7/24/61

Field Office File No.: 56-70

Bureau File No.: 56-3067

Title: UNLABELED CIRCULAR ATTACKING CANDIDACY OF
JOHN TOWER FOR U. S. SENATE, SPECIAL TEXAS
ELECTION, MAY 27, 1961;

[REDACTED] - COMPLAINANT

Character: ELECTION LAWS

Summary: Distribution of circulars attacking candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER reported to be very limited. Republican officials in Dallas, Texas, consider circulars to be work of a "crank." [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] considered to be a fictitious name. Hammermill Mimeo-Bond and Highland Linen envelopes widely distributed in Dallas area.

- C -

DETAILS:

56-3067 - 8

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/24/61

[redacted] to the Chairman of Dallas County Republican Executive Committee, advised that he knows of approximately three or four individuals who received a mimeographed circular attacking the candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER in the special Texas election on May 23, 1961. [redacted] stated that three of these individuals resided in the Dallas area and one individual in a county to the east of Dallas. [redacted] stated that he cannot recall the individual outside of Dallas who received this circular since he received the information shortly before the special election and during the confusion of the campaign he misplaced the literature and the name of the individual receiving it.

[redacted] stated that in each instance that he knew of, the circulars were received by the individuals shortly after their names appeared on letters to the editor in the "Dallas Morning News," during which these individuals advocated the election of Senator TOWER. b6 b7C

[redacted] stated that he considers the circulars to be the work of some "crank" and not an organized effort by any responsible individual.

56-3067-8

On 7/20/61 at Dallas, TexasFile # 56-70b6
b7C

by SA [redacted] /jog

Date dictated 7/24/61

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date 7/24/61

[redacted], Dallas County Republican Headquarters, 4107 Lemmon Avenue, advised that she knew of only a few individuals who received mimeographed circulars attacking the candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER. [redacted] stated that a [redacted] of Dallas, Texas, was one such individual. [redacted] noted that in each instance that she was aware of the circulars, they were received shortly after the individual receiving them had had a letter appear in the "Dallas Morning News" favoring the candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER. [redacted] stated that in each instance the letter was addressed exactly as the letter to the editor and been signed and did not contain the person's name as appearing on any poll list or other type list. [redacted] stated that some of the letters were postmarked Richardson, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, and some were postmarked Dallas.

[redacted] expressed the opinion that these circulars were the work of a "crazie" or some person of unsound mind and she did not believe that it was the work of any responsible individual.

56-3067-8

On 7/20/61 at Dallas, TexasFile # 58-70

by SA [redacted]

/jag

Date dictated 7/24/61

- 3 -

Date

7/21/61

[redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Dallas, Texas, advised that she had received a mimeographed circular attacking the candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER sometime during the latter part of May, 1961. [redacted] stated that she threw this circular away and does not have it in her possession.

[redacted] stated that on May 23, 1961, a letter written by her appeared in the "Dallas Morning News" favoring the candidacy of Senator JOHN TOWER. Approximately one day later she received this circular attacking the candidacy of Senator TOWER and it was addressed exactly as she had signed the letter. [redacted] noted she signed the letter [redacted] not using either MISS or MRS. or her full and complete name and this was exactly as the letter was addressed.

[redacted] stated she knew of no other individuals receiving a similar type circular and she considered the circular to be the work of some person of unproven mind.

56-2062-8

On 7/21/61 at Dallas, Texas

File # 56-70

b6
b7C

by SA [redacted]

/jag

Date dictated 7/21/61

Date 7/24/61

[redacted] advised she
 knows of no individual named [redacted] or [redacted]
 [redacted] stated she considered this name to be a fictitious
 name.

b6
 b7C

b6
 b7C

56-3067 - 9

On 7/21/61 at Dallas, Texas

File # 56370

by SA [redacted]

/s/

Date dictated 7/24/61

DL 56-70

On July 24, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] Retail Merchants Association, Dallas, Texas, which covers Dallas County, advised they have no record for an individual with the surname of [redacted] or [redacted] [redacted] advised that a search of the Greater Dallas Telephone Directory and the Dallas City Directory reflect no individual with such a surname.

b6
b7C

On July 24, 1961, [redacted] [redacted] distributors, Dorsey Company, office supply and stationery distributors, advised that Hammermill Nineo-Bond and Highland Linen envelopes are very common type stationery supplies in the Dallas area and are very widely distributed.

56-3067 - 8

